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UNIVERSITY OF DAYTON
DAYTON, OHIO

MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE ACADEMIC SENATE

February 4, 2003 – 1:30 – 2:30 p.m. in KU 207

PRESIDING: Joe Saliba

SENATORS PRESENT: Dandaneau, Eloë, Gauder, Hall, Morman, Partlow, Pestello, Rapp, Saliba, Telfair, Yungblut

1. Opening Prayer: J. Saliba read a prayer to keep the soldiers and our country safe in anticipation of war.

3. Approval of ECAS Minutes for January 24, 2003: The January 24 minutes were approved as written.

4. Announcements:

a. There will be an Academic Senate meeting on February 14, 2003 in KU West Ballroom at 3:00 p.m.

b. There was an open forum to discuss the Quantitative Reasoning and Competency held on January 31, 2003. 15 people were in attendance. The presentations helped clarify some questions and misconceptions by faculty. Another forum will be held on February 6, 2003.

5. Old Business:

a. J. Saliba sent a letter to D. Curran expressing the concerns of the ECAS concerning the restructuring of the ELC's need for the strategic discussion to be led by the academic leader, and the location of the new residential/learning building. Another letter was sent to B. Schuerman concerning the new building location. F. Pestello reported that D. Curran responded favorably to moving the location site of the residential/learning building to the area between Founders Hall and O'Reilly instead of Founder's Field and having the strategic discussion centered in the Provost's Council. It was also pointed out that it is critical that the ECAS/Academic Senate be involved in the planning of this living/learning building. The plans now call for two classrooms and team meeting space. D. Curran also agreed that the three subcommittees of the ELC should meet around midterm to exchange information. D. Curran will discuss how he plans to proceed with strategic planning for the University in a future ELC meeting.

b. J. Saliba met with D. Curran to discuss the proposal submitted concerning future presidential searches and faculty involvement. This issue might require some modifications to the University's by-laws.

c. An informative Quantitative and Reasoning Competency (QRC) meeting was held on January 31. Fifteen people attended. There was no major opposition to the

QRC or general support for G. Doyle's proposal. The Academic Senate will vote on the Quantitative and Reasoning Competency proposal at the February 14 meeting.

6. Committee Reports: No report was made for the *Faculty Affairs Committee* (FAC). J. Rapp, *Academic Policies Committee* (APC), reported that his committee will meet February 6. M. Telfair, *Student Academic Policies Committee* (SAPC), reported that G. Doyle presented his proposal for summer courses scheduling times. The committee will meet with the Registrar to discuss this issue. The SAPC also discussed student class evaluations. N. Beck and M. Telfair will draft a letter asking faculty for their opinions of the evaluation and if revisions are necessary.

7. New Business:

a. *Alcohol Survey*: Due to a short time period, F. Pestello responded favorably on behalf of the ECAS to a letter to the faculty concerning an alcohol survey.

b. *Public Safety*: An executive order from B. Burt, Chief of Police, referring to "Racially Biased Policing" was distributed at the meeting. It was recommended that a subcommittee from ECAS be formed to look at and give recommendations about this and the arrest policies of the University. Members of this committee are H. Gerla (Chair), L. Yungblut, J. Saliba, M. Telfair. They will work to develop a plan and present it to the ECAS and the Academic Senate.

c. *Cancelled Classes and Academic Excellence*: A concern was expressed that there is an increasing number of classes being cancelled without the professor notifying the departmental office and/or making arrangements to have the class covered or making up the class at another time. There is a statement concerning this issue in the faculty handbook, but individual department chairs may not be enforcing it. It was suggested that the chairs of departments should address this issue with the faculty. Questions were also raised about the lack of consistent dedication to excellence across the teaching faculty. F. Pestello agreed to present this issue to the Provost's Council. M. Telfair and M. Morel (SGA) will send a letter out to the faculty to stress that the students are concerned about reduced class time and possible decline in academic standards and excellence. It was also suggested that senior finals and graduation be looked at again. J. Saliba, J. Rapp, and P. Morman will meet to discuss possible solutions.

8. Proposed Agenda for February 14 Academic Senate Meeting:

- Opening Prayer
- Roll call and minutes
- Announcements
- Committee Reports
- Residency Requirements
- Quantitative Reasoning and Competency Proposal
- Research Professorships Proposal
- ELC Discussion Groups
- Adjourn

9. The next ECAS meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 18 at 1:30 p.m. in SM 113B.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:17 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by J. Rogatto